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1. Between 20 and 26 June 1955, about 650 workers were employed on construction work at Wolfsbehringen airfield. Oberbauleiter (construction supervisor) Schoenefelder (fnu) was in charge of the construction site. He was assisted by Supervisor Lehmann (fnu). Concreting work on the taxiway, which was called "Road 80a", was completed. The lanes connecting the taxiway and the runway ▮▮▮ however, still without a concrete surface. The drainage system which ▮▮▮ steps from the airfield to a brook south of the field, was comple▮▮▮ drainage pipes were being covered with earth. A small ▮▮▮la located near a silo in the vicinity of Point 14.3 is said to be ▮▮▮ by a Soviet major. It was unknown if he had anything to do with the ai▮▮▮.

2. Construction work at the field was delayed by a shortage of labor, especially skilled workers, and the poor ▮▮▮status of the building machines used. Many of the machines were out of operation for prolonged periods because of repair work required. The dead-lined machines could not be replaced. For this reas▮▮▮ schedules fixed for construction work could not be kept. Between 2▮▮▮ the pipes of locomotives employed at the field burst se▮▮▮ first suspected that sabotage activities were involved▮▮▮ thorough investigations it was found out, however, that the ▮▮▮ used for these locomotives contained so much lime that the pipes were corroded from within. The break down of locomotives meant an additional delay in the execution of construction work at the airfield.

   _____ Comment. Information available on the status of concreting work on the taxiway is not precise. It is believed that the taxiway will be completed in the summer of this year. Late November 1955 was reported as being the date set for the completion of the entire installation.

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